



## Around Cambodia Dossier Classic Tour | 14 Days | Comfortable

Phnom Penh – Kep – Sihanoukville – Battambang – Siem Reap

Cambodia has reinvented itself as a destination full with breathtaking temples, gorgeous beaches and a fascinating heritage. A laid-back and enticing land, the real pleasure comes from its ability to make you feel like an explorer again.

### TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:

- Discover Phnom Penh
- Unwind in coastal Kep
- Relax on Cambodia's beaches
- Explore colonial Battambang
- Be captivated by Angkor
- Cruise Tonle Sap



## Around Cambodia tour inclusions

- Return international flights, taxes and current fuel surcharges (unless a land only option is selected)
- All accommodation
- All meals
- All sightseeing and entrance fees
- All transportation and transfers
- English-speaking National Escort (If your group is 10 or more travellers)

*Personal expenditures e.g. drinks, optional excursions or shows, insurance of any kind, customary tipping, early check in or late checkout and other items not specified on the itinerary are at your own expense.*

## Classic Tours

These tours are designed for those who wish to see the iconic sites and magnificent treasures of South East Asia on an excellent value group tour travelling with like-minded people. The tours are on a fully-inclusive basis so you'll travel with the assurance that all your arrangements are taken care of. You will be accompanied by our dedicated and professional National Escorts and Local Guides, whose unparalleled knowledge will turn your holiday into an unforgettable experience.

## Comfortable Tour

'Around Cambodia' is a **comfortable** tour. Although this is the easiest pace of tour that Wendy Wu Tours offers, it still requires a reasonable level of fitness. Accessible to most people with an average level of fitness and average mobility. Tours may involve sightseeing on foot, some climbing of stairs and getting on and off boats.

Our National Escort and Local Guides will always endeavour to provide the highest level of service and assistance; however, they cannot be expected to cater for customers who are unfit to complete the itinerary.

## Country Profile: Cambodia

Cambodia is blessed with unspoilt beaches and beautiful colonial cities like Phnom Penh, Battambang and Kep. In Siem Reap, the breathtaking temples of Angkor are regarded as the heart and soul of Cambodia. Many visitors may never intend to go beyond these magnificent temples; however, they will soon become captivated by other parts of this friendly country.

## Joining Your Tour

The tour is 14 days in duration including international flights.

Travellers booked on 'Land Only, the price includes visa fees and your arrival/ departure airport transfers if arriving/departing on the start and conclusion date of your tour. Please advise your international flight times to reservations. Join the tour on Day One in Phnom Penh and end the tour on Day 13 in Siem Reap. Please refer to your final itinerary for more specific meeting instructions pertaining to your departure.

## Itinerary Changes

It is our intention to adhere to the day-to-day itinerary as printed; however, the order of events or sightseeing may change as we look to improve our tours or as local conditions dictate. In these circumstances we will make the best possible arrangements maintaining the integrity of your trip.

### Changes:

- **Day 8** - We have removed a wine tasting experience at a vineyard and replaced this with a visit to Bat Cave at Phnom Sampov.

## Important Information Regarding Itinerary Changes and Flight Delays

Due to unforeseen circumstances, flights can be delayed, and therefore connecting flights may be missed. If you find yourself in this situation, please contact our Cambodia office on **+85 5 17 510 528 (24 hours)** to urgently advise your arrival details have changed. Please ensure you have your trip number, tour name (both included in your final documentation) and new arrival details (flight number and arrival time) handy to pass on to our local office in Cambodia. This will ensure your National Escort/Local Guide can be informed of your most up to date information and ensure someone is at the airport to meet you on arrival.

If we are not advised of late changes and missed connections, Wendy Wu Tours cannot guarantee someone will be able to meet you upon arrival in Vietnam as our local office will have no way of knowing which flight you will be arriving on. Wendy Wu Tours will not be responsible for providing reimbursement of transportation costs from the airport to your hotel in the event that our local office was not advised of changes to arrival time.

## Around Cambodia Itinerary

### **DAY 1: FLY TO PHNOM PENH**

You will be met at Phnom Penh in the arrivals hall by your Local Guide or National Escort from Wendy Wu Tours. Together with all other group members who may be arriving at a similar time, travel to your hotel for check in.

#### **Destination Information**

**Phnom Penh** - The capital of the Kingdom of Cambodia is built around four river arms formed by a sharp curve in the Mekong River near the junctions of the Bassac and the Tonle Sap tributaries. This charming city has a pleasant blend of oriental and colonial architecture, but reminders of a troubled past are also evident.

### **DAY 2: PHNOM PENH**

Enjoy a sightseeing tour of Phnom Penh today, sightseeing will be around three hours of leisurely walking this morning. Explore sites such as the Royal Palace, Silver Pagoda and the National Museum. Later, reflect on the history of the city with a visit to the Tuol Sleng Museum and Killing Fields. The visit to the Tuol Sleng Museum involves one hour on foot. This museum commemorates the atrocities that occurred during the regime of Pol Pot. The transfer south-west to the Killing Fields will take 30 minutes. You will spend about one hour here on foot for a harrowing insight into Cambodia's tumultuous past. Most people find it quite confronting and emotional so you will be given time to explore on your own. End the day with a visit to Wat Phnom. The sunset visit to Wat Phnom involves a climb of 30 metres high and on ladders up to the hilltop temple (depending on the weather).

#### **Destination Information**

**The Royal Palace** - Built in 1866 by the French these ornate buildings are the official residence of the reigning Cambodian royal family and King Sihamoni.

**Silver Pagoda** - This concrete and marble structure includes a floor with over 5,000 silver tiles each weighing one kilogram. Famous artefacts include a 90kg solid gold Buddha made in 1907 and an Emerald Buddha said to be made of baccarat crystal.

**National Museum** - Housing the world's finest collection of Khmer pottery, bronzes and sculptures dating from the 4<sup>th</sup> century.

**Tuol Sleng Museum** - This former school was used by the Khmer Rouge as a detention and torture centre in the late 1970s. Today this building houses paintings and photographs of the victims. You can see the crude cells built in the classrooms and the torture devices used to extract confessions by the regime.

**Killing Fields** - The emotional Killing Fields of Cheung Ek, made famous by the film of the same name. More than 17,000 civilians were killed and buried in mass graves here making this place a chilling reminder of the brutalities of the genocidal Khmer Rouge regime.

**Wat Phnom** - Home to a hilltop temple that carries the cities namesake. Locals flock here to pray for good luck and success.

### **DAY 3: PHNOM PENH TO KEP**

Head south, driving two to three hours, to the beach town of Kep. Stop en route at Tonle Bati before travelling to a pepper farm to learn about the renowned Kampot pepper. Continue the drive to Kep and transfer to the port, where you will board a rustic boat and travel around 20 minutes to Rabbit Island. You will spend around two hours here, enjoy some time at the beach before returning to Kep. Boarding your boat today could involve navigating your way over and through other boats, moored between it and the

dock, sometimes without handrails, ladders or assistance from staff.

#### **Destination Information**

**Tonle Bati** - View the ancient temples at Tonle Bati, built in the late 12<sup>th</sup> century by Jayavarman VII.

**Rabbit Island** - Also known as Koh Tonsay, Rabbit Island has quiet beaches where you can spend a few hours relaxing on the sands or exploring the small rabbit shaped island.

**Kep** - From the turn of the century to the 1960's, Kep was Cambodia's premier holiday destination. You can view the ruins of the luxurious villas from those days dotted by the seaside. Modern Kep is now known for its relaxed atmosphere, fresh seafood and oceanfront crab shacks.

#### **DAY 4: KEP TO SIHANOUKVILLE**

Drive to the nearby town of Kampot, stopping to explore Phnom Chhnork. Upon arrival in the colonial town of Kampot, stroll along the river towards the local market. Travel two hours to Sihanoukville for your overnight stay.

#### **Destination Information**

**Phnom Chhnork** - A cave complex located outside Kampot, which houses the remains of a brick temple dating back to the 7<sup>th</sup> century.

**Kampot** - The former port city of Kampot is an enchanting small town best known for its sleepy, relaxed atmosphere and its salt and pepper production. Wander the town and admire the dilapidated French Colonial architecture.

**Sihanoukville** - Originally a port city, now it is more a beach town and caters to beach-going weekenders from Phnom Penh, as well as a steady increase of foreign visitors. Despite this, Sihanoukville still enjoys a relaxed pace of life.

#### **DAY 5: SIHANOUKVILLE**

Enjoy a full day free at leisure to further explore this seaside town.

#### **DAY 6: SIHANOUKVILLE TO PHNOM PENH**

Drive back to Phnom Penh, stopping at Kirirom National Park for two to three hours and enjoy a picnic lunch. Continue to Phnom Penh to check into your hotel for an overnight stay. Driving time today will be around five hours.

#### **Destination Information**

**Kirirom National Park** - Once a favourite resort of the Royal Family and at 700m above sea level, it maintains a cooler climate than in Phnom Penh. The National Park has stunning waterfalls, unique and abundant birdlife and lush, elevated pine forests.

#### **DAY 7: PHNOM PENH TO BATTAMBANG**

Head north today as you begin the drive to Battambang. Stop en route for a couple of hours to explore Udong and Kampong Chhnang Province to see traditional handmade pottery, and climb Touch Hill to admire the surroundings. There are approximately 416 steps to climb to reach the top of Touch Hill. Continue to Battambang and enjoy the remainder of the afternoon at leisure. Driving time today will be around six hours.

#### **Destination Information**

**Udong** - The Udong was the ancient capital during the later stages of the Khmer Empire. It offers spectacular views of the surrounding countryside with innumerable sugar palm trees, as well as 18 ancient stupas.

**Battambang** - Cambodia's second largest city. Situated on the banks of the Stung Sangke River, Battambang possesses some of the grandest and best-preserved colonial architecture and scenic countryside.

#### **DAY 8: BATTAMBANG**

Climb to the top of Phnom Banan to reach the Prasat Banan Temple and admire the breathtaking view. Return to the town and walk through the village of Wat Kor. In the afternoon, visit 'La Maison de Coco' and learn how to make rice paper before heading to visit Bat Cave at Phnom Sampov.

*Please note rice paper making is seasonal, when this is not available you will still see the rice paper as well as visiting an orphanage school and a tailors' workshop.*

#### **Destination Information**

**Prasat Banan Temple** - Located on the top of a small hill, the temple was built in the 11<sup>th</sup> century and consists of five towers.

**Wat Kor** - Gain an insight into the traditional Khmer life when visiting the village of Wat Kor. Known for its Khmer heritage houses, built from now rare hardwoods and surrounded by orchard gardens.

**La Maison de Coco** - A non-governmental organisation which runs projects to give skills and support to the local people.

#### **DAY 9: BATTAMBANG TO SIEM REAP**

Depart Battambang and travel three hours to Siem Reap, stop en route in the Puok District to visit the National Silk Centre. Continue to Siem Reap, and enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure.

#### **Destination Information**

**National Silk Centre** - A fascinating way to learn about Cambodian silk. Here you will witness silk creation and the growing and harvesting of mulberries.

**Siem Reap** - A bustling tourist destination due to its proximity to both the ancient Khmer national capital city of Angkor as well as Tonle Sap Lake. Angkor Wat is one of the main attractions and is the world's largest religious monument, in addition to being the spiritual and cultural heart of Cambodia.

#### **DAY 10: SIEM REAP**

Spanning from the 9<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> century, the Angkor complex with over 1,000 temples was the seat of the thriving Khmer Empire. UNESCO manages the complex and, to enter, your group will drive approximately six kilometres out of town to the main entrance gate to get your entrance passes, which you must carry with you. If you choose to climb at any site, you must be able to climb and descend without assistance. Begin at the city of Angkor Thom and the enigmatic Bayon, the Elephant Terrace and the Terrace of the Leper King before continuing to the temple of Ta Prohm, enveloped in a labyrinth of jungle. This afternoon is devoted to the fascinating and awe-inspiring Angkor Wat.

*Please note: The Central Tower of the Angkor Wat complex is closed on Buddhist holidays and on all other days has a limited number of visitors allowed at any given time, under regulations from UNESCO. If you wish to visit this tower, you will be required to wait in the queue alongside all other visitors. The ability to do this will be determined upon the groups' schedule.*

#### **Destination Information**

**Ta Prohm** - Swallowed by the jungle where Strangler Figs and Kapok Trees have entwined themselves around the ruins. Undoubtedly, the most atmospheric ruin at Angkor with several towers, closed courtyards and narrow corridors to explore.

**Angkor Thom** - This fortified city is flanked by a row of 54 stone figures on each side, which leads you through a 23-metre imposing stone entrance gate to the various temples inside.

**Bayon** - Beautifully crafted central towers, decorated with four opposing faces representing King Jayavarman VII. Bayon's stone galleries display extraordinary bas-reliefs incorporating over 11,000 figures.

**Elephant Terrace and Terrace of the Leper King** - Giant viewing platforms used for public ceremonies, which served as a base for the King's grand audience hall.

**Angkor Wat** - Surrounded by a 190-metre moat and taking 30 years to build, Angkor Wat represents the Khmer civilisation at its grandest. With its fascinating decorative flourishes, extensive bas-relief and multiple tiers, it is the best-preserved temple within the complex.

#### **DAY 11: SIEM REAP**

This morning, travel to Kbal Spean to see the intricate carvings. Continue to Banteay Srei and later explore Banteay Samre, before climbing to the summit of Pre Rup Temple to view the sunset over the paddy fields.

#### **Destination Information**

**Kbal Spean** - Located in the Cambodian jungle, Kbal Spean is a spectacularly carved riverbed. Lingas have been intricately carved into the rock, as are several carvings of gods and animals.

**Banteay Srei** - A Hindu temple dedicated to Shiva and considered by many to be the 'Jewel in the Crown' of Angkorian art. The temple is cut from stone of a pinkish hue and contains some of the finest stone carvings in the world.

**Banteay Samre** - Built approximately halfway through the 12<sup>th</sup> century, Banteay Samre is decorated with many intricate and well-preserved carvings of Hindi Mythological stories and Buddhist depictions.

**Pre Rup Temple** - A popular place to view the sun setting as the view over the rice fields is spectacular. Pre Rup was built by Rajendravarmān II and may have been an early royal crematorium.

#### **DAY 12: SIEM REAP**

Today explore the less-visited Beng Mealea, a mysterious temple completely overrun by the jungle where you will explore on foot for approximately an hour and half. In the high-water season, you will also visit Kompong Khleang, a unique village on stilts. In the lower water season, you will visit Chong Kneas floating village. Return to Siem Reap via a Cambodian artistry assembly - Les Artisans D'Angkor, before arriving back at your hotel this evening. Tonight, enjoy dinner while watching an Apsara dance performance.

#### **Destination Information**

**Beng Mealea** - Dating from the 11<sup>th</sup> century, this sprawling temple covers over one square kilometre. Largely overrun by vegetation and constructed in a distinctly Angkor Wat-style, Beng Mealea precedes and may even have served as a 'prototype' for Angkor Wat.

**Artisans D'Angkor** - Established in 1998, this community workshop teaches the unique arts of painting, silk weaving, wood and stone carving in traditional Cambodian style to local young people.

#### **DAYS 13-14: SIEM REAP TO AUSTRALIA**

This morning is at your leisure before you are transferred to Siem Reap airport to board your flight to Australia.

*Please note: Only breakfast and lunch are provided on the groups day of departure; no refund will be given for meals missed.*

## AROUND CAMBODIA TRAVEL INFORMATION

### Visas

Entry visas are required by all visitors to Cambodia and Wendy Wu Tours Visa Department can assist you with the process of obtaining a visa. We will supply you with all paperwork and submit the visa application on your behalf. Please be advised that your passport must have at least six months validity left on it when you arrive back into Australia. Visa application forms and all relevant documentation are due in our office 60 days prior to departure; if received after this, urgent visa processing fees will apply.

Also, please note we do not accept passports and visa applications **within 60 days prior to departure**. Passports will be returned with your Final Documentation four weeks prior to your group tour's scheduled departure. If you require your passport to be returned earlier, a \$15AUD courier fee will apply.

### Insurance

We strongly encourage all customers to take a copy of their travel insurance documents (especially relevant international contact numbers) with them while on tour. We advise that you check the inclusions and procedures for lodging claims prior to your departure. These documents should be stored separately from the originals.

### Eating in South East Asia

South East Asia is home to an incredibly rich food history. The local cuisine is known for its intense flavours, spices and some of the freshest ingredients you can find. In general, meals include either rice or noodles and are packed full of flavour. Lemongrass, ginger, lime leaves, coriander, fish sauce and soy sauce are used in most local dishes. The food has a reputation for being hot and spicy, each region actually has its own distinct characteristics.

Your itinerary has been carefully crafted to introduce you to a range of local dishes and we hope that you enjoy the culinary adventure ahead. All meals (excluding drinks) are included in our fully inclusive group tours from dinner on the day of your groups' arrival until breakfast on your day of departure. When dining in Cambodia, although some restaurants have adopted a western approach to dining, expect some restaurants to follow the traditional communal style of eating. Typically, this will mean each diner has their own small bowl and may serve themselves from a variety of shared dishes. At some local restaurants, appetisers and main courses might be served when they are ready instead of following a particular order.

Determining when it's appropriate to use chopsticks, forks or spoons can be challenging for some travellers, even other Asians, as each country has different customs. In Cambodia, dishes are normally placed in the centre and people serve food for themselves with their own chopsticks and bowl. In Cambodia and some other countries in South East Asia, fork and spoon are used for most dishes and chopsticks are typically provided to eat noodles. Usually chopsticks or other utensils are provided to scoop the food into your bowl to prevent your own chopsticks from touching the food that remains on the table. Dining in Cambodia is fairly casual with not too many rules. Leaving food on the plate is not considered rude.

Please refer to your travel guide for more information on Cambodian cuisine, including information for travellers with restricted diets.

### Accommodation

Your accommodation is selected for convenience of location, comfort or character, and can range from a business hotel in one city to a family run guesthouse in a smaller town. In more remote areas, accommodation may be of a lower standard and may not have all western amenities. Hotels are generally rated as local three to four-star standard, but please note that there is no international classification system for hotels and differences in facilities and quality does exist between Australia and South East Asia. All group tour hotels have private western bathroom facilities, air conditioning, TV and telephone. Plumbing and electricity supplies can be erratic and quite often the power in hotel rooms is turned off while guests are out of the room. If you experience any difficulty, please speak to your National Escort/Local Guide.

Rest assured that all hotels used by Wendy Wu Tours are regularly inspected by our staff and our partners to ensure that standards meet your needs

Please note double bed requests can be made at time of booking but cannot be guaranteed.

## Transport

**Coaches:** Coaches with air conditioning are used on our group tours for city sightseeing, short excursions to the countryside and longer transfers where necessary. Roads in South East Asia have generally improved over recent years, but traffic and/or weather conditions may extend driving times. Road construction work usually covers an enormous section of road - not just one or two kilometres as you may be used to. For this reason, the timings listed in the itinerary are approximations only.

**Seatbelts:** Please note that seatbelts are not compulsory by law in South East Asia and therefore the local people largely choose not to wear them. For this reason, some vehicles may not be fitted with seatbelts or they may be hidden underneath protective seat covers. It is recommended that where seatbelts are available customers must use them and remain seated at all times while the vehicle is moving. If you have any concerns, please notify your National Escort/Local Guides.

**Air:** Internal flights are based on economy class, with reputable airlines. Pre-flight seat allocation is not available on international and internal flight sectors.

## Development in Cambodia

Although Cambodia is developing quickly, it still lacks the international standards of civil infrastructure and tourist facilities. Concepts of personal responsibility are also different to those in Australia. Consequently, tourist and public facilities may not uphold the same safety standards as in Australia; for example, you may see a hole in the road without a warning sign or safety barricade. All of our suppliers meet local safety standards as a minimum. We want you to have an enjoyable holiday so we ask that you take extra care, use your common sense, refer to notices and follow advice from your National Escort or Local Guides.

## Cambodia Public Holidays

If you are travelling within the below Cambodian and Vietnamese Public Holidays please note that celebrations can last a couple of days and during these times some businesses will be closed and coach, air and train travel may be affected. Tourist attractions will be open, but may be crowded. In Cambodia Khmer New Year is celebrated between 13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> April every year, the King's birthday is celebrated between 14<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> May 2018 and the Water festival is between 21<sup>st</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2018.

## Souvenirs

We want to be able to give you an opportunity to buy souvenirs so we include some stops at museums or exhibitions which demonstrates a craft or product unique to that region with pieces available to buy. We understand that souvenir hunting is not for everyone so we aim to take you to places, which hold local interest. We trust you will enjoy these opportunities to learn about local arts and crafts and understand their historical and cultural importance

## Group Size

Most of our groups consist of 10 travellers or more and will be accompanied by both a National Escort/Local Guides. There will usually be no more than 29 travellers in each group although you may encounter other Wendy Wu tour groups while you are travelling.

All our departures are guaranteed to operate with a minimum of eight travellers booked (unless cancelled due to factors beyond our control). However, at our discretion we may operate departures with a smaller group size as we try to operate advertised departures wherever it is viable to do so. For groups with fewer than 10 travellers, departures will operate with Local Guides only.

## Tipping Policy

Local tipping is customary in Asia. However, this can often lead to awkwardness in knowing when it is appropriate to tip and how much, as well as ensuring you have a suitable amount of change available at the time. For your convenience, with years of experiences in providing the best customer service, Wendy Wu Tours operates a kitty system on our Group Tours so your National Escort will look after this aspect of your trip for you. It also ensures that the amounts paid are reasonable for you but

still fair for the local people. The amount is stated on each Group Tour page will be advised again on your final documentation. Tipping is paid in US Dollar. Any additional tipping on any our tours is welcomed at your discretion. Further guidance for tipping contributions will be outlined in your final documentation.

## Packing List and Climate

You will find a complete packing list and a helpful climate chart in the 'Suggested Packing List', which will be included in the pre-departure information link sent within your deposit documentation. Seasonal weather patterns can be quite unpredictable. Up to the minute information on worldwide weather can be found on [www.weather.com](http://www.weather.com).

## Luggage

All travellers are limited to two items of luggage each; a suitcase with a maximum weight of 20kg and one piece of hand luggage with a maximum weight of five kilograms. It is essential that your luggage is lockable. Please note that authorities will only allow bottles onto the aircraft if they have been checked in as main baggage. Bottles in hand luggage may be confiscated.

## Exchanging Cash

US Dollars are easily exchanged throughout Cambodia, however other currencies such as Australian Dollars can generally be exchanged in hotels and airports provided notes are new and undamaged. US Dollars should be from the new series from the year 2003 onwards. Old series notes can be difficult to exchange. We suggest for your convenience that you ensure your US Dollars are from the new series to avoid any difficulties exchanging money during your trip.

We suggest exchanging your money before travelling to remote areas and smaller towns, as exchange facilities can be limited. Your National Escort will remind you to do this before departure.

## Personal Expenses & Optional Tours

You will need to take some extra money to cover drinks, laundry and souvenirs, plus any additional sightseeing that may be offered to you. Based on the advice of previous customers an approximate amount of AUD\$250 per person, per week should be sufficient; however for those that cannot resist a bargain, consider allocating a higher amount.

Optional tours may be offered in each city you visit during your tour at an additional cost. These are not included in the standard itinerary and will only be available if time permits. Each option will be arranged locally by your National Escort/Local Guide.

## Climbing Steps

Sightseeing at nearly all of the palaces, fortresses and some temples involves climbing quite a number of steps. These palaces were built to provide defense against potential invaders so nearly all of them stand on top of a hill, while the interiors have layers of narrow hallways and steps to slow down the advance of enemies once they were inside. The steps tend to be quite large, not level and sometimes without handrails. Hindu and Buddhist temples or pagodas also tend to be built at an elevation, as this is the most auspicious position according to ancient beliefs. This means you sometimes need to walk from the bus park to the entrance, and/or need to climb some steps inside.

People with knee or hip injuries, who have poor balance or are otherwise unable to complete these activities independently should consider the suitability of this itinerary carefully.

## Cultural Difference

Cambodia has many religions, cultures and histories. Please be considerate of the local beliefs and customs and dress with consideration.

## Appropriate Dress



When visiting temples or mosques, both men and women should dress in conservative, non-revealing clothing. Full-length trousers with a shirt or t-shirt for men; and pants or skirts well below the knee with a top that covers the shoulders and upper arms for women. Women might also consider carrying a 'modesty shawl' in their daypack – this could be a sarong or light scarf – which they can wear over their shoulders and heads to feel more comfortable while sightseeing at mosques.

Religious sites and homes throughout South East Asia – for Hindus, Muslims or Buddhists to name a few – require all visitors to remove their shoes to enter. Even if you then need to walk outdoors, over hot or rough ground, you will not be allowed to wear shoes. You will often find shoe storage rooms near the entrance of a site where it is customary to leave your shoes near the entrance. Occasionally there are 'shoe minders' who will offer to keep your shoes safe for a 'tip' – this is not compulsory so each customer can choose to tip for this service or not. If you do not want to remove your shoes, you will have to remain outside.

We recommend shoes that easily slip on and off, and carry a pair of thick socks in your daypack, which you can wear to protect your feet from any rough or hot surfaces. The following itinerary will indicate when you need to consider this.

## Vaccinations and Your Health

We recommend that you contact either your GP or Travelvax (1300 360 164) for advice on vaccinations and travel health. Travelvax has a comprehensive website that you may also find useful [www.travelvax.com.au](http://www.travelvax.com.au).

## Before You Leave

We strongly recommend registering your travel plans with [www.smartraveller.gov.au](http://www.smartraveller.gov.au) as in the event of an emergency, Australian Consular assistance will be more readily available. You can also access the Australian Government's travel advisory service for up to date information about your destination on the same website.

## After Your Booking

Once you have booked with Wendy Wu Tours, you will receive a confirmation invoice with deposit documentation via email. This includes important information and links to access the visa application form and instructions sheet online (if applicable). Your final documentation pack will be sent to you approximately four weeks prior to departure.

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